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Alabama 2-1-1 Call Center Open for Volunteer Registration

CLANTON-"The caring and compassionate spirit of Alabamians is truly awe-inspiring. I'm hearing from a tremendous number of Alabamians who want to volunteer and help others deal with this tragedy," Governor Bentley said.

Alabamians are stepping up across the state to help victims of one of the worst natural disasters in state history. Today, many efforts across the state are in rescue and recovery. In the coming days and weeks, the service of volunteers in Alabama will be a critical component in the building back of Alabama.

If interested in volunteering, Alabama's statewide 2-1-1 system is set up to register you as a volunteer and keep you informed on volunteer opportunities as they arise. When calling, please indicate whether you are an affected resident or wishing to volunteer. Persons out of state may call toll free 888-421-1266. Individuals are asked to provide their contact information and list skills they have that are especially helpful in disaster recovery efforts.

Volunteer Reception Centers are being established across the state over the next several days. These centers coordinate local volunteer efforts and are a good resource if interested in volunteering.

For more a list of VRCs, please visit the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community initiatives website, www.ServeAlabama.gov, or call 2-1-1.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTERS *(As of 1:30pm 4/28/11)*

Elmore County High School
155 North College Ave
Eclectic, AL 36024

St. Mathias Episcopal Church (across from Wal-mart)
2310 Skyland Boulevard East
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

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